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JOINT EMBASSY/DAO MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BURMA NAVY INTEREST IN TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH ALUSNA, BURMA NAVY HAS DESCRIBED PROBLEM WITH REPAIR FOR SQS-17 SONAR DOME ON PATROL VESSEL PCE-41, DAMAGED BY UNDERWATER COLLISION. PCE-41 WAS ACQUIRED FROM U.S. IN 1965 UNDER MEDT PROGRAM. JOB IN QUESTION IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE ONE BUT INVOLVES WELDING OF CRES STEEL ALLOY WITH WHICH BURMA NAVY HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE. ALUSNA HAS IDENTIFIED QUALIFIED USN OFFICER STATIONED IN THAILAND WHO COULD VISIT BURMA AT NO COST TO USG, SPEND APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY WITH BURMA NAVY, AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL INFORMATION. NO TRANSFER OF MATERIAL OR DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WOULD BE INVOLVED.

2. ASSUMING GUB APPROVES SUCH VISIT (AN APPROVAL WHICH WE INTEND TO LEAVE BURMA NAVY TO SECURE), EMBASSY/DATT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL BOTH FOR INFORMATION GATHERING AND TO FURTHER OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BURMA NAVY. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED WE THEREFORE PLAN TO ADVISE BURMA NAVY INFORMALLY OF AVAILABILITY OF EXPERT AS OUTLINED PARA 1 ABOVE.
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